

Eurosatory - 16-20 June 2014

International Defense Expo Office of Defense Cooperation, US Embassy Paris

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The Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC), France, welcomes you on behalf of U.S. European Command and the U.S. Mission to France. Our mission is to facilitate the long-term U.S. - French defense relationship by promoting cooperation and interoperability between U.S., NATO, and French forces. To this end, we are ready to assist all official DoD / U.S. Government guests in establishing contact with our host nation's military acquisition and industry leaders.

Eurosatory is an occasion to promote U.S. security interests and illustrate our commitment to NATO and allied interoperability. It also offers an excellent opportunity to forge coalition partnerships for the future. America's defense industries play a significant role in this effort as they display their newest products to a worldwide audience.

EUROSATORY 2014: Eurosatory is the world's largest and most international land security and defense trade show. 2014 marks the 24rd Eurosatory exposition since its establishment in 1967. This year, over seventy countries are expected to be represented by high-level delegations and over 1400 worldwide vendors are expected.

IMPORTANT! 3 Actions Required

Action #1- Registration with ODC France: Use this form to register your participation with ODC France:

https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/index.cfm?i=179972&k=03664B007C55

Action #2- Reserve your Hotel Room: Once registered with ODC, you may reserve your hotel room as part of our reserved block at the Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel & Conference Center. Further information in section 1 below.

Action #3- Submit your Country Clearance and apply for your Visa: further information in Section 3 below.

INFORMATION

1. Hotel Information Back to top

The hotel for this year's show is the Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel & Conference Center, located at 17, Blvd St. Jacques in the 14th Arrondissement. The hotel is located directly on the main train line (RER ligne B) to the show site, and our room block is below current per diem. To reserve your room, you may reserve through the US Embassy's Travel and Visitors Unit, by contacting Ms. Nicole Gnagni at <a href="maintenance-gaussian-ga

2. Welcome Desk: Back to top

ODC France hopes to operate a welcome desk on Sunday, 15 June 2014, at the hotel. Please check back for further information.

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Passports All official DoD / US Government visitors are required to comply with the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide available at https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/. Unlike other European countries, official visitors on non-NATO business are required to travel to France on their 'no-fee' passports. (i.e. 'official' or 'diplomatic')

***Note, for uniformed service members, travelling on NATO orders is acceptable with a valid military picture ID.

Visas All official DoD / US Government visitors also required to obtain a no-fee visa for their visit to France for Eurosatory. Again, please review and comply with the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide.

Country Clearances All who attend Eurosatory, meet with host nation counterparts or host nation industry must submit a request for country clearance. **DoD personnel should use the Automated Clearance System (APACS) at https://apacs.dtic.mil/apacs/apacsservlet?cmd=apacsLogin The Defense**

Attaché is Office (DAO) is responsible for approving APACS. Please contact as needed via email to the DAO mail box at PARISDAO@STATE.GOV

Non-DoD personnel may use the electronic Country Clearance (eCC) system at http://ecc.state.gov The Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC) has approving authority for eCC. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Gilles Spencer Roserens via email at Roserens GS@state.gov or by phone at +33 1 4312 2609.

Country clearance requests should be processed NLT 09 May 2014. When filling out your Country Clearance, please make sure that you use the words: 'Eurosatory 2014' as the 'purpose' of your stay in France.

It is advisable to maintain photocopies of your travel documents (passport, visa, or travel orders & ID) available to you at all times in case of loss or theft.

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An official Eurosatory badge is required to gain entry to the exhibition site at Villepinte. ODC France will process badges for official DoD/US Government visitors upon receipt of a valid Country Clearance Message. To ensure you receive a badge, submit your country clearance request as soon as possible. ODC France hopes to distribute them at the Welcome Desk at the hotel on the Sunday prior to the show.

***Note: Eurosatory's organizers may demand a government-issued photo ID (DoD CAC Card, Passport, Driver's License, etc) be presented to permit entrance to the show site.

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ODC France is currently not projecting any government-provided bus transportation to the show site.

Alternatively, the Paris public transportation system is efficient and easy to use. For those who have never visited or are unfamiliar with subway/train (RER) use, visit the Paris public transportation website: http://www.ratp.fr/. This website can provide directions from your hotel to any address in Paris.

Upon your arrival, we will distribute information about how to access the show site using the RER. Plan on 1 hour each way from door-to-door.

Should the need arise for personal travel to or from the show site, a taxi is a safe but expensive alternative; though can be slow due to city traffic.

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Personal security is the primary factor in formulating uniform policy for Eurosatory. On Day 1, Monday 16, June, all US military in attendance are expected to dress in service Class A, with jacket and tie or equivalent. On all other days of the trade show, all military can anticipate Class B, short sleeve, open collar (Class C for the USMC). For civilian attendees, normal daily attire is business suit with tie. Depending on the host and venue, evening events can be either in Class A or business suit with tie.

Those in uniform who choose to use public transportation (bus, train, metro) are encouraged to wear a non-descript overcoat or jacket, per local force protection guidance.

8. Official and Industry Receptions <u>Back to top</u>

Official and industry receptions are by invitation only. Your host should inform you if you are invited to these events. Transportation to/from these private events is not provided through ODC France. For those in uniform, taxi is the recommended means of transportation for these events. Spouses are typically not invited to attend these events.

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The US Embassy is neither a service facility nor open to the public. Access is controlled for security reasons and limited to official business.

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Additional Eurosatory 2014 information is available at the following sites:

Eurosatory 2014 show organizer's home page in English:

http://www.eurosatory.com/#/home

State Department travel information for France:

http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/3842.htm

English language information about France:

http://www.francetourism.com/

Local transportation information:

http://www.ratp.fr/

http://www.airfrance.com/

11. Point of Contact <u>Back to top</u>

Please address all initial contact to ODC France by email at: < odcfrtradeshow@state.gov>

Please read this informational webpage in its entirety before contacting ODC France with questions.